R
971
.034
UNI

CE SC

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2023 with funding from
Hamilton Public Library

https://archive.org/details/letterfromsecret00unit_50

[127]

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING,

A STATEMENT

OF THE

NAMES OF PERSONS WHO HAVE RECEIVED PUBLIC MONEY

FOR

PAYING THE TROOPS IN SERVICE

DURING

THE LATE WAR,

AND WHO

HAVE FAILED TO RENDER THEIR ACCOUNTS.

MADE

In pursuance of a Resolution of the House of Representatives, of 18th February, 1818.

MARCH 2, 1818.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

WASHINGTON:

PRINTED BY E. DE KRAFFT.

1818.

DEPARTMENT OF WAR,

February 28, 1818.

SIR,

In pursuance of a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 18th instant, requesting the Secretary of War to lay before that House, "information whether any of the paymasters of the armies of the United States, during the late war, have failed to perform their duty, in making their returns and settlements, and the names of such delinquents, and the reason why coercive measures have not been used to compel a performance of duty," I have the honor to transmit a statement made to this Department, by Peter Hagner, esquire, Third Auditor of the Treasury, "of the names of the persons who have received public money for paying the troops in service, during the late war, and who have failed to render their accounts."

This Department does not possess the power to coerce persons, not in the military service, to render their accounts for settlement, nor is it invested with the power to compel payment of balances due from delinquents into the Treasury; that duty appertains to another department.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obt. servant,

J. C. CALHOUN.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

LIST of "Paymasters of the Armies of the United States during the late war," who "have failed to perform their duty in making their returns and settlements;" furnished in pursuance of the resolution of the House of Representatives of the United States, of February 18th, 1818.

Names.	Grade.	Amounts received.	Remarks.
Ashton, Abraham C.	Paymaster 1st reg N. York militia	826,041 74	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor, to render his accounts.
Adams, Littleton	Paymaster 3d reg. Ohio militia	20,468 82	ditto ditto
Bray, John	Paymaster 3d reg. S. Carolina militia	22,000	
Baxter, Stephen	Paymaster 3d reg. N. York militia	66,776 60	He states that his accounts and vouchers were rendered to the paymaster general in the month of April, 1814. It is alleged by the paymaster general, that Baxter's accounts were burnt with the public buildings in 1814. He has been called upon for his duplicates. The balance, according to his own statement, was refunded to, and credited by the Paymaster general.
Bannon, O. Jennings	Paymaster South Carolina militia	7,335	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts.
Boyd, Alexander H.	Paymaster Maryland militia	23,513	Under date of August 19th 1817, he asked permission to close his accounts and transmit them, which he was instructed to do. His accounts have not been received.
Belknap, Augustus	Paymaster New York militia	425 27	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts.
Coleman, Joseph	District paymaster	160,808 53	No accounts rendered since the 30th September, 1815, and owes this balance. Written to October 1st, 1817. Reply, dated 27th October, says he has vouchers nearly to cover this balance, which he promises to forward.
Chalmers, J. G.	Acting paymaster, Virginia volunteers	28,828 77	Has rendered some vouchers, but no accounts current nor abstracts of payments.
Chilton, George W.	Paymaster 16th reg. Kentucky militia	18,134	ditto ditto
Cook, Hamlin	District paymaster	75,570 31	No accounts rendered since the 30th June, 1814, and owes this balance. Sureties written to
Conrod, John	Paymaster Pennsylvania militia	49,036 66	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts.
Carleton, Jonathan	Paymaster 1st and 2d reg. Ohio militia	74,266 2	ditto ditto
Crutcher, James	Paymaster 3d reg. Kentucky militia	19,126 24	ditto ditto
Cobean, Alexander	Paymaster Pennsylvania militia	2,925 26	ditto ditto
Clark, Joshua	Paymaster 4th reg. Georgia militia	90,000	ditto ditto
Cary, John P.	Paymaster Georgia militia	120,000	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts, and in reply states, that he forwarded his accounts to A. H. Sneed, district paymaster, at Charleston, S. C and paid over to him the unexpended balance. Sneed, he states, refused to pay the postage and take them out of the post office; (since dead) Note—By a letter just received, the accounts will be forwarded by his representative.
Colbert, James	To pay Indians	14,133 55	This advance was made to pay Indians in the service of the United States. It is presumed, that it will be duly applied.
Dunn, William	Paymaster 35th reg. infantry	6,585 6	Accounts rendered to 30th June, 1815, and owes this balance. Has further accounts to render.
Dobbin, Archibald	Assistant district paymaster	106,474 5	Accounts rendered to 31st March, 1815, and owes this balance. Has been called upon and promises to render his accounts as soon as possible.

LIST—Continued.

Names.	Grade.	Amounts received.	Remarks.
Dugan, Thomas	Paymaster 2d reg Ohio militia	$7,375 10	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts, and promises to render them.
Dawson, Nicholas L.	Paymaster Maryland militia	20,026 16	ditto ditto (since dead.)
Denison, George	Paymaster Pennsylvania militia	4,647 41	ditto ditto promises to render them.
Estis, William	Paymaster 4th reg. Virginia militia	6,109 12	Accounts rendered to 25th April, 1815, and owes this balance. Has further accounts to render.
Evans, Henry H.	Paymaster Ohio militia	16,900	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts, and promises to render them.
Farrow, John W.	Paymaster 18th reg. infantry	151,238 78	Accounts rendered to 30th June, 1813, and owes this balance. Has not rendered his accounts subsequently, though frequently called upon.
Fullerton, David	Paymaster Pennsylvania militia	2,951 40	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts.
Flanagan, John	Paymaster Pennsylvania militia	578 41	ditto ditto
Geyer, Henry S.	Paymaster 38th reg. infantry	7,775 37	Accounts rendered to 31st March, 1815, and owes this balance. Since when no accounts rendered.
Garrett, Ashton	Paymaster 17th reg infantry	21,925 1	ditto ditto ditto
Gibbs, William	Paymaster 1st reg. infantry	108,400	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts.
Garrard, John W.	Paymaster 4th reg. Kentucky militia	17,361 16	ditto ditto
Gates, James	To pay his company Ohio militia	100	ditto ditto
Gano, Jno. S. gen.	To pay Ohio militia	15,803 56	ditto ditto and promises to render them.
Greenup, Wilson P.	Paymaster 1st rifle reg. Kentucky militia	35,284 34	ditto ditto
Gray, Robert	Paymaster District of Columbia militia	12,461 68	
Haden, William D.	Paymaster 28th reg. infantry	52,281	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts.
Herbert, Hardy	Paymaster 2d reg. Georgia militia	61,500	ditto ditto and promises to render them.
Harrison, George	Paymaster 8th reg. Kentucky militia	14,248	ditto ditto
Hart, Richard G.	Paymaster 6th reg. Kentucky militia	17,681 92	ditto ditto
Hogeboom, Peter L.	Paymaster 23d reg. infantry	9,189 53	Accounts rendered to 31st March, 1814, and owes this balance. Has further accounts to render.
Jouett, Mathew H.	Paymaster 28th reg. infantry	19,831 34	Accounts rendered to 30th April, 1814, and owes this balance—alleges that his accounts for residue are lost
Jackson, George W.	Paymaster 19th reg. infantry	15,401	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts, and states that his accounts are lost.
Jones, Terah	Paymaster 16th reg. infantry	1,250	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts.
Kerr, Archibald	Paymaster 5th reg. Maryland militia	6,578 7	Account rendered to 31st December, 1814, and owes this balance. Has farther accounts to render.
Knapp, Philip	Paymaster New York militia	15,977 26	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts.
Keith, Samuel	Paymaster New York militia	4,587 16	ditto ditto
Kellogg, Elisha	Paymaster New York militia	822 75	Vouchers received 27th Feb. 1818.

LIST—Continued.

Names.	Grade.	Amount received.	Remarks.
Kinsley, Ebenezer C.	Paymaster New York militia	$21,373 62	Promises to render his accounts, and has refunded $1,703, which he states to be the unexpended balance.
Kelly, Hanson	Paymaster North Carolina militia	26,300	Has been lately called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts.
Keating, Richard Thorp	Acting paymaster Georgia militia	7,600	ditto ditto
Lee, Samuel M.	Paymaster 1st reg. light dragoons	19,054 66	Has rendered vouchers, but no accounts current, nor abstracts of payments. (Dead.)
Linton, John	District paymaster	50,000	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts, and promises to render them.
Lee, Richard H.	Assistant District paymaster	27,469 9	ditto ditto (dead.)
Lessenhoff, Fred. H.	Acting paymaster Georgia militia	3,048 60	ditto ditto
M'Carty, Samuel	Paymaster 3d reg. Kentucky militia	3,065	
Morrow, William	Paymaster 2d reg. Ohio militia	31,083	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts.
Morrison, James	Paymaster 1st reg. Georgia militia	9,000	ditto ditto and promises to render them.
Merritt, Joseph E.	Assistant district paymaster	213,098	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts, and begs for time to make up and render his accounts, which he states to have been unavoidably delayed. Has failed to render any accounts.
Moore, Nimrod H.	Paymaster 17th reg. infantry	15,334	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts, and promises to render them.
M'Dougal, John	Paymaster 3d reg. Ohio militia	11,143 36	Has rendered a part of his accounts, and owes this balance.
Marsteller, Ferdinand	Paymaster District of Columbia militia	2,430 70	Has rendered vouchers, but no accounts current, nor abstracts of payments.
Nowland, Benjamin	Paymaster Maryland militia	20,758 21	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts.
Prevost, Lewis M.	Paymaster Pennsylvania militia	26,000	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts, and promises to render them.
Peters, Thomas R.	Paymaster 1st reg. Pennsylvania militia	53,769 79	ditto ditto ditto
Prince, William	Paymaster 14th reg. Kentucky militia	46,007 83	ditto ditto
Pomelly, Charles	Paymaster New York militia	8,000	ditto ditto
Ruder, Jason	Paymaster New York volunteers	8,694 11	Accounts rendered to 30th September, 1813, and owes this balance. Has further accounts to render.
Resspass, R. C.	Paymaster 10th reg Kentucky militia	54,015 9	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts, and in reply, asked for instructions. He was instructed to close and transmit them. They have not been received.
Ross, Thomas L.	To pay gen. Gano's Ohio militia	1,365	
Radcliff, John C.	Paymaster New York militia	36,973 33	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts, which have been promised, though not yet received.
Read, William M.	Acting paymaster 2d reg. artillery	5,500	Has been called upon by the 3d Auditor to render his accounts He alleges, in reply, that his accounts were rendered to the paymaster in 1814, who states that he has no evidence in his office of their having been received.
Swearingen, Henry V.	Acting paymaster rifle reg.	1,068 80	
Smith, James	Paymaster Ohio militia	37,200 83	Has rendered a few vouchers, but no accounts current, nor abstracts of payments.
Scott, Samuel	Paymaster 24th reg. infantry	50,912 40	Has refunded $17,778, and alleges that he lost all the vouchers for the residue.
Sneed, Junius	District paymaster	28,600 57	Accounts rendered to 31st December, 1816, and owes this balance.
Slaughter, Lawrence	Paymaster 1st reg. Virginia militia	1 ,275 6	ditto ditto 1814, ditto

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

3 2022 17545824 5

R 971.034 UNI
United States.
Letter from the Secretary of
War transmitting a statement
of the names of those who
1818.

CE Sc 1200989
Special Collections
Hamilton Public Library